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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SARL news invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to sarlnews@hotmail.com not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both English and Afrikaans.

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

Now for the news in detail:

SARL COUNCIL MEETING

The council of the SARL will be holding one of its regular meetings this coming Saturday, 27 July at the NARC at Radiokop.

SAATI TO HOLD A LINUX LABORATORY

On Saturday 17 August 2002 SAATI plans to hold a Linux Laboratory. The idea of the event is to help people to get started in Linux. So a person would bring his Personal Computer, without keyboard and screen and at the laboratory Linux will then be installed on the machine. If someone currently has Linux installed, but can't get it to work, knowledgable persons will be available to get it up and running. No fee will be charged! It is also open to any person, young and not so young. Other organisations are also welcome to be present at the event. They may market their services and products on the periphery. It is intended to get a supplier of reconditioned hard-drives to be present, if somebody does not have enough disk space to install Linux a reconditioned

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hard drive can be acquired. The absolute minimum specification for a machine to support Linux is i386, 4Mb RAM and 100Mb disk space, but this is a very tight installation. The recommeded minimum would be a i486, 16Mb RAM and 2,5GB disk space. The venue for the event would be Clapham High School and it should start at 9 am. If you would like to enquire, please contact Louis Kruger at e-mail louis.kruger@iscor.com or 082-336-2597 as well as any member of the management. See you there!

ADVERTISEMENTS IN RADIO ZS

The editor of Radio ZS urgently requires advertisements for the journal and appeals to members to solicit such material. Members must remember that the cost of printing and dispatching Radio ZS is very high and that additional income is required to defer any losses.

Any adverts or offers can be sent to Fritz Sutherland at zs6asf@icon .co.za or to the SARL office. Information regarding the placing of adverts is available on page 47 of Radio ZS.

QSL CARDS OF NON-MEMBERS

The QSL-bureau of the SARL has a number of QSL cards of non-members in its possession. It must be realized that the QSL-bureau is run for members of the SARL and that such cards cannot be sent to non-members. By taking up the offer of reduced membership fees these cards will be dispatched but they can also be fetched from the SARL office. If these cards are, however, not removed from the bureau by the end of September 2002 they will be destroyed.

NEWS FROM THE ARRL

Florida, USA, man convicted of deliberate interference, unlicensed operation.

A Florida Citizens Band enthusiast accused of jamming Amateur Radio operations and transmitting without a license was convicted in federal court June 19 on eight misdemeanor counts. Willam Flippo of Jupiter was found guilty of four counts of operating without a license and four counts of deliberate and malicious interference. The judge noted that, while the charges were misdemeanors, it was important that the amateur airwaves be free of interference in the event of an emergency.

The prosecutor in the case, credited members of the Amateur Radio community with bringing Flippo to justice. The list included ARRL 1999 ARRL International Humanitarian Award winner Ed Petzolt,K1LNC, amongst others.

"This is a very good day for Amateur Radio, and a very good day for justice," Petzolt said following the trial. "Let the word go out that we will not tolerate this sort of thing on our frequencies, and you will be caught."

According to Petzolt, who testified in the trial, Flippo primarily had targeted the Jupiter Tequesta Repeater Group for jamming and regularly interfered with

amateur operations, especially on 10 and 2 meters, over an approximately three-year period. Following up on the amateurs' complaints, personnel from the FCC's Tampa District Office visited the Jupiter area at least twice in 1999 and reported tracking the offending signals to Flippo's residence.

According to the FCC, Flippo faces a maximum penalty of eight years in prison–one year on each count. He also faces up to $80,000 in fines

This kind of punishment should deter anyone from deliberately causing interference and should be a warning to persons in South Africa that there are laws against such behavior here as well.

MEGA WINTER FLEAMARKET IN PRETORIA

All the amateur radio clubs in Pretoria will be hosting a joint winter fleamarket on Saturday 27 July 2002. The fleamarket will be held at the South-Campus of the University of Pretoria, at the corner of University and Lynwood roads. Please note the starting time is 10:00. Everyone, clubs and non club members are welcome to attend. Come and visit this Mega Fleamarket in Pretoria. Phone Almero ZR6RY on (H)(012) 567 3722 or 082 414 5164 if you want to book a table or if you need more detail about the fleamarket.

OAKDALE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

The Oakdale ARC is planning an Amateur Radio "open day" on Saturday 27th July, at the Oakdale recreational centre. This event is one of an ongoing series of similar occasions being planned to promote interaction between the amateur radio clubs and individuals, in the Western Cape area. All amateurs, their families, and visitors to the area, are cordially invited. For this event, the Oakdale Club is able to provide very reasonably priced cooked lunches from its excellant kitchen, a bar service, and undercover braai facilities. There will also be an informal fleamarket, for which tables will be provided, for anyone who wishes to participate in this activity. The starting time will be 11:00, and it expected to run until about 19:00. The Oakdale recreational centre is located in Bloemhof road, approximately 5 km from the Bellville off-ramp of the N1 highway.

The Oakdale ARC also operates a regular information and chat net every Tuesday evening, at 20:00, on the local 145,150/145,750 repeater, with a relay on 3,600 Mhz. This net usually includes a relay of the on-line news bulletins from the ARRL, and also interesting news from UK and Australia from time to time. An opportunity is given, for both 2m and 80m listeners, to air their opinions and report signal conditions.

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND

For all those interested in participating in this years International Lighthouse weekend on the 17th and 18th of August, you can now find all the details you need to participate on the SARL Web. Everything from how to get permission

to use your local lighthouse, to the frequencies used etc. Visit the SARL web at www.sarl.org.za for more details.

This bulletin was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN and read by……….from ………..as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

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Also join the SARL President's net which is on the air at noon on Sundays on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also a big word of thanks to those amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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